

Geographic Codes for HMDA/CRA Editing and Verification

The 1996 file consists of 64,462 observations of four items each:

MSA code
State code
County code
Tract number/BNA

covering the 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico.

- The MSA code will equal 9999 if the state/county/tract-BNA falls outside of a Metropolitan Statistical Area.
- The Tract/BNA number will equal 999999 if the state/county is classified as small (population $\leq 30,000$) or untraced (all or part of the county is not tracted). These small or untraced counties will also include the Census Tract or BNA numbers. ALL areas in the United States, DC and Puerto Rico are assigned a census Tract or BNA number.
- Refer to the HMDA or CRA edits to understand the logic of verifying Geographic code combinations. The edit logic for HMDA and CRA differ slightly. (The edits may be obtained by calling the HMDA Assistance line at (202) 452-2016 or the CRA Assistance Line at (202) 872-7584. You may also request a copy via electronic mail at hmdahelp@frb.gov or crahelp@frb.gov.)

Notes:

In New England, if a tract is split between 2 or more MSAs, or between 1 or more MSAs and no MSA, the state/county/tract combination on this file will appear for each MSA and Non-MSA area.

Since the 1990 Census was conducted, a new county was formed in Alaska (068, Denali). This county is included on the file.

Alaska no longer has county 231; it was split and two new counties (232 and 282) were formed.

For HMDA purposes, if a county is partially untraced, the entire county is considered untraced.

For HMDA Purposes, it is ***acceptable*** for a HMDA reporter to code census tracts or BNAs in small or untraced counties as "NA" on the HMDA-LAR form.

For CRA Purposes, it is ***unacceptable*** for a CRA reporter to code census tracts or BNAs in small or untraced counties as "NA". The appropriate Census Tract or BNA number must be reported.

System Title and Acronym: HMDA: Home Mortgage Disclosure Act

Medium: Three and one-half inch, double-sided, high density micro-computer diskette

Descriptive File Name: HMDA 1996 Census Data representing valid MSA/State/County/Tract combinations.

Format: ASCII text file with line ends

Element Label	Bytes			Type*	Comments, Values, Keys, Etc.
	Starting	Ending	Length		
1. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)	1	4	4	N	9999 = State/County/Tract combination falls outside of an MSA
2. State Code	5	6	2	N	FIPS Code
3. County Code	7	9	3	N	FIPS Code
4. Census Tract	10	15	6	N	999999 = State/County is classified as small or untraced

Record Information

	1996	In MSA	MSA = 9999	TOTAL
TRACTS		47,130	3,646	50,776
BNAs		451	10,959	11,410
Tracts and BNAs		47,581	14,605	62,186
Small/Untraced Counties		156	2,120	2,276
Total Records on File		47,737	16,725	64,462
Total Counties		901	2,320	3,221